

Lesson 60

Definitions



1.	balm	BALLM	a soothing substance or one that gives relief	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	irritant
	The balm caused the pain of the sunburn to subside and then to diminish.			
	Derivatives >>	balmily, balminess, balmy, balms, balmed, balming		
2.	conservatory	kun SIR vuh tor ee	a greenhouse or place where plants are raised; a school for music and art	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	The flower show will be held at the conservatory on the fair grounds.			
	Derivatives >>	conservatories		
3.	demur	deh MUR	to hesitate, to delay, to object	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to proceed, to agree, to accede
	To demur at this time might cause the whole operation to be destroyed.			
	Derivatives >>	demurred, demurring		
4.	demure	deh MYOOR	serious, reserved, coy	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	flagrant
	Hollywood often portrays gentlemen as handsome and demure.			
	Derivatives >>	demurer, demurest, demurely		
5.	expiate	EK spee ate	to atone or to make amends for a sin or a crime	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to hold grudges
	The judge asked him to expiate his crime by doing one hundred hours of community service.			
	Derivatives >>	expiation, expiational, expiative, expiator, expiatory		
6.	fountainhead	FOUN tun hed	principal source or origin	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	A quick glance into his extravagant lifestyle shows the fountainhead of his motivation to save his business.			
	Derivatives >>	fountainheads		
7.	furrow	FUR ow	to make wrinkles or grooves	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to make plain
	The man's furrowed brow showed his deep concern.			
	Derivatives >>	furrowed, furrowing		
8.	hallmark	HALL mark	a distinguishing characteristic or trait	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	Honesty is the hallmark of a good judge.			
	Derivatives >>	hallmarks		
9.	inclement	in KLEM unt	stormy, severe	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	calm; favorable
	The weatherman said that our area should prepare for some inclement weather.			
	Derivatives >>	inclemency, inclemently, inclementness		
10.	jaded	JAY did	weary from overuse, surfeited	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	fresh
	Jaded with the hedonistic life of a playboy, he decided to look for a more altruistic existence.			
	Derivatives >>	jade, jadedly, jadedness		
11.	juxtapose	JUK stuh poze	to place close together or side by side	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to set far apart
	The huts in the village were never closely juxtaposed as one would imagine.			
	Derivatives >>	juxtaposed, juxtaposition, juxtapositional		

12.	loiter	LOI tur	to stand idly or to linger aimlessly
	Synonyms >>	dally, dawdle, procrastinate	Antonym >> to hasten
	The police did not want people to loiter around the scene of the shooting.		
	Derivatives >>	loitering, loiteringly	
13.	mince	MENS	to restrain one's speech or to euphemize in order to show politeness
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	He does not like to mince words and thus will tell you bluntly what he thinks.		
	Derivatives >>	minced, mincing, mincer	
14.	monolithic	mon uh LITH ik	massive and rigidly fixed uniformly
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Some argue that communism is monolithic, and others say that there are many types of communism.		
	Derivatives >>	monolith, monolithism	
15.	obeisance	oh BAY suns	an attitude of respect; a gesture made in token of respect
	Synonyms >>	reverence, deference, homage, honor	Antonym >> disrespect; irreverence
	The obeisance of the crowd characterized their respect for the speaker.		
	Derivatives >>	obeisant, obeisantly	
16.	peccadillo	pek uh DILL oh	a slight offense, a small fault
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The I. R. S. does not consider failure to pay taxes a mere peccadillo.		
	Derivatives >>	peccadilloes	
17.	polemicist	puh LEM eh sist	one skilled in argument and in refuting attacks
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	It is vital that a politician be a polemicist so he can present and defend the positions of his constituency.		
	Derivatives >>	polemist, polemize, polemics, polemic, polemical	
18.	propound	pruh POUND	to put forth for discussion or analysis
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to remove from consideration
	The scientist was asked to propound a hypothesis during the discussion.		
	Derivatives >>	propounder	
19.	renege	reh NIG	to go back on one's word
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to keep one's word
	Because he has reneged on his promise, I will no longer trust his word.		
	Derivatives >>	reneged, reneging, reneger	
20.	repast	reh PAST	a meal
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The governor showed the dignitaries into a large hall for a sumptuous repast.		
	Derivatives >>	repasts, repasted, repasting	
21.	rudiment	ROO duh munt	an essential element or skill, also the early stages of development
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Because he was not good at the rudiments of English, he had difficulty with his research paper.		
	Derivatives >>	rudimental, rudimentarily, rudimentariness, rudimentary, rudimentation	
22.	sieve	SIV	a utensil for sifting or straining
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The manager complained that his second baseman fielded ground balls like a sieve.		
	Derivatives >>	sieving	
23.	tether	TETH ur	to fasten or to confine as with a rope
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to free
	The man was tethered to the wall with chains.		
	Derivatives >>	tethered, tethering	
24.	urban	UR bun	having to do with a city or characteristic of a city
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> rural
	Since he has grown up on a farm, I am worried about his attending an urban college.		
	Derivatives >>	urbanism, urbanist, urbanistic, urbanize, urbanization	
25.	vouchsafe	VOUCH safe	to grant in a condescending manner
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to refuse to grant
	I can vouchsafe you a large return on your investment.		
	Derivatives >>	vouchsafement	

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Matching Test



Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word. Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

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| <p>_____ 1. balm</p> <p>_____ 2. conservatory</p> <p>_____ 3. demur</p> <p>_____ 4. demure</p> <p>_____ 5. expiate</p> <p>_____ 6. fountainhead</p> <p>_____ 7. furrow</p> <p>_____ 8. hallmark</p> <p>_____ 9. inclement</p> <p>_____ 10. jaded</p> <p>_____ 11. juxtapose</p> <p>_____ 12. loiter</p> | <p>a. principal source or origin</p> <p>b. soothing, relieving substance</p> <p>c. stormy; severe</p> <p>d. to atone for a sin or crime</p> <p>e. to stand idly; to linger aimlessly</p> <p>f. to hesitate, delay, or object</p> <p>g. weary from overuse</p> <p>h. to make wrinkles or grooves</p> <p>i. greenhouse; school for music or art</p> <p>j. to place close together</p> <p>k. serious; reserved; coy</p> <p>l. distinguishing characteristic or trait</p> |
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Exercise B

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| <p>_____ 1. mince</p> <p>_____ 2. monolithic</p> <p>_____ 3. obeisance</p> <p>_____ 4. peccadillo</p> <p>_____ 5. polemicist</p> <p>_____ 6. propound</p> <p>_____ 7. renege</p> <p>_____ 8. repast</p> <p>_____ 9. rudiment</p> <p>_____ 10. sieve</p> <p>_____ 11. tether</p> <p>_____ 12. urban</p> <p>_____ 13. vouchsafe</p> | <p>a. one skilled in argument</p> <p>b. to fasten or confine with rope</p> <p>c. to go back on one's word</p> <p>d. an attitude of respect; homage</p> <p>e. to restrain one's speech</p> <p>f. essential or early element or skill</p> <p>g. utensil for sifting or straining</p> <p>h. massive and rigidly fixed uniformity</p> <p>i. having to do with the city</p> <p>j. to put forth for discussion</p> <p>k. slight offense; small fault</p> <p>l. a meal</p> <p>m. to grant or give</p> |
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Sentence Completion



balm	conservatory	demur	demure
expiate	fountainhead	furrows	hallmark
inclement	jaded	juxtaposed	loiter

- The images were _____ so closely to each other that the two pictures seemed to merge and form a collage.
- The doctor expected a quick disappearance of the rash after he applied the _____ to the affected area.
- Because the city council did not want vagabonds to _____ around the public buildings, they passed an ordinance against people lingering idly in public places.
- The student filled his essay with _____ expressions instead of trying to find new and fresh images for his writing.
- The _____ of those who receive such high grades is diligent study habits and careful preparation.
- The shy girl was so _____ that he even asked her father to _____ talking about her when she was in an earshot.
- The conditions of poverty and destitution were the _____ of her despair; all her unhappiness originated from her environment.
- The baseball game was called off after four innings due to _____ weather; the rain was pouring down too hard for the game to continue.
- From the air, the deep _____ of the plowed fields appeared to be no larger than wrinkles in a sheet of paper.
- Although he felt he could never _____ his guilt, his talks with his sister convinced her that he had already atoned for his past crimes.
- He will study at Boston's most famous school of music, a _____ in New England.

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propound	renege	repast	rudiments	sieve
tether	urban	vouchsafed		

12. The giant stone statues of human faces on Easter Island are ancient _____ structures.
13. It was difficult for the shy girl to _____ a hypothesis for the experiment, but once she gathered her nerve, she was able to put forth her theory for discussion and analysis.
14. The _____ was delightful, a meal only slightly lessened by the _____ of serving a red wine with fish; but only a connoisseur would consider it a crime to eat fish with red wine instead of fight.
15. The basic skills of math are the _____ you must master in order to move on to more difficult courses.
16. The children used their mother's _____ to sift the sand.
17. Terry is so skilled in winning arguments that we call him our class _____.
18. My boss _____ my job, but I did not like the condescending manner of his guarantee.
19. The _____ of the boy was apparent in the respectful manner by which he dealt with his father.
20. The girl went back on her promise as she _____ on the deal; apparently her word was not as honorable as we had believed.
21. In order to secure the boat, the man began to _____ the vessel to the dock with a very large rope.
22. Because we were sick of _____ life, we moved to the country and settled in a small community.
23. The man did not _____ words when he began to berate the boy; there was no restraint in his scolding of the child.